

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and an early action on the merit is respectfully requested.

In response to the election of Species, Applicants hereby elect the species of Figure 4. All of the claims now presented, that is, new claims 27-42 are readable on the elected species.

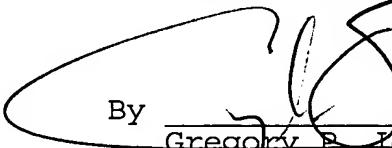
An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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